

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.312.

By this amendment, Applicants note that the specification has been amended in order to include the required cross-reference to U.S. Application No. 10/796,972, to which domestic priority has been claimed. In this regard, it is noted that a Petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) for Unintentionally Delayed Claim of Priority has been submitted concurrently herewith.

Applicants submit that entry of the present amendment is warranted, and such entry is kindly requested. If for any reason the Examiner does not believe that this amendment should be entered, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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